AT THE END OF THE FIRST CENTURY

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THE NEW YORK INSTITUTE FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND

Program

OF THE

CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST CENTENARY

March 15 to 18, 1932

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Lux Oritur

And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known; I will make darkness light before them. —

Isaiah xlii, 16.

The motto of the Institute

ON MARCH 15, 1832, in a private house on Canal Street, New York City, the first class of blind children to be taught in the United States was organized by Dr. John Dennison Russ. And from that day to this, one hundred years later, the New York Institute for the Education of the Blind has continued its work without interruption.

COMMEMORATION

of the

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

at the

ENGINEERING SOCIETIES
AUDITORIUM

29 West Thirty-ninth Street
Manhattan

Tuesday evening, March 15, 1932

at Eight-thirty o'clock

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Chorus: The heavens are declaring . . . *Beethoven*
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A Little Journey in Folk Music
(With Illustrations)
Some Songs of Other Lands and
Four English Folk Dances

These United States
As Organized by Two Blind Boys
(Map Building)

Hallelujah Chorus, from "The Messiah" . *Handel*

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Anniversary Exercises

SOME SCENES IN

OUR FIRST CENTURY

Schermerhorn Hall

Pelham Parkway
The Bronx

Wednesday Evening, March 16
at eight-thirty o'clock

Thursday Afternoon, March 17
at two-thirty o'clock

Friday Afternoon, March 18
at two o'clock

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Alma Mater

Through the long years a beacon light,
  O Alma Mater dear!
Thy sons and daughters have been led
  By thee in paths made clear;
And life grows more beautiful
  And darkness with its pall
At thy behest
  Is light before our way.
All the years we have spent with thee
  Are years we'll ne'er forget;
Our hearts are full of memories
  Of happy days.
Alma Mater! Alma Mater! Alma Mater!
  Forevermore we sing thy praise!

We rejoice in the faithful ones
  Who labored for thy fame;
A hundred years of toil and care
  Were given in thy name.
Our hearts burn with gratitude
  For those who went before;
Their spirit lives
  With us forevermore.
We adore thee, we honor thee,
  We pledge our love anew;
We keep aglow the memories
  Of happy days.
Alma Mater! Alma Mater! Alma Mater!
  Forevermore we sing thy praise!

Program

OPENING SONG . . . . . *Alma Mater*

Written and Composed for this Occasion by Director of Music
BASSETT W. HOUGH

SOME SCENES IN
OUR FIRST CENTURY

Interpreted by EDWARD K. CAMPBELL
as CHORUS

Assisted by ELMER W. JENNINGS
as TIME

I. Our First Exhibition, December 13, 1832

II. Fanny Crosby, Poet and Hymnist, 1912 and 1854

III. William Bell Wait, Educator, 1905 and 1872

IV. Boys of Today, 1932

V. Onward to the Future

THE EVENING POST.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15.

PUBLIC MEETING IN FAVOR OF THE BLIND.—At a public meeting, held at the City Hotel, on Thursday evening, Dec. 13th, 1832, at the invitation of the Directors of the Institution for the Blind, the Hon. Gideon Lee was called to the Chair, and Alderman Mandeville and Theodore Dwight Jr. were appointed Secretaries. President Duer and Charles King, Esq. were also elected Vice Presidents.

The objects of the meeting having been stated to a large and very respectable audience, by Dr. Ackerly, President of the Institution, an examination of the pupils, who have been instructed only seven months, having taken place under the direction of their Teacher, Dr. Russ, and the progress they have make in reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, and the manufacture of useful articles having been displayed; an address was delivered by Mr. Piggott, a blind man, 60 years of age; after which, subscriptions of membership to the society were handed in, and the following resolutions submitted by Mr. J. W. Walker, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas the novel and interesting spectacle which we have just witnessed, shows the practability and utility of instructing the Blind, therefore

Resolved. That the Trustees of the Institution for the Blind be requested to persevere in their laudable endeavours to instruct those of our fellow beings who are unfortunately deprived of sight; and the Institution be recommended to the patronage of the community, and particularly to the attention of the City Authorities and the State Legislature.

Resolved, that the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. Jennings for the gratuitous use of the room on this occasion.

GIDEON LEE, President.

WILLIAM MANDEVILLE, }
THEODORE DWIGHT, Jr. } Secretaries.

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FIRST EXHIBITION

of the

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PUPILS OF THE NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND

After Seven Months' Instruction

Thursday evening, December 13, 1832
at the City Hotel

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CHARACTERS

HON. GIDEON LEE, Mayor, Chairman, *William H. Waring*

ALDERMAN MANDEVILLE and THEODORE DWIGHT, JR. } Secretaries { *William Wodtke*, *George Young*

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SAMUEL WOOD . . . . . *Henry Wodtke*
and Others, Managers

DR. JOHN D. RUSS, Teacher . . . *Bassett W. Hough*

JOHN WHITLEY, 14
CHARLES O'CONNOR, 12
PATRICK LANE, 10
FRANCIS MONYEA, 10
MICHAEL MCGUIRE, 8
} Pupils {
Frederic Neumann
Eugene Raniere
Paul Sauerland
Jean Dorf
Fred Vieni

Company of very select Ladies and Gentlemen including

HANNAH EDDY . . . . . *Miss Gertrude L. Martin*

MOSES ALLEN . . . . . *Max Helman*

II

FANNY CROSBY, *Poet and Hymnist*

CHARACTERS

FANNY CROSBY in Serene Old Age, 1912
Miss Henrietta A. Grosback

REV. S. TREVENA JACKSON, her Biographer, *Seth W. Hoard*

A MEMORY

FANNY CROSBY in Active Youth, 1854, *Miss Helena Klein*

GROVER CLEVELAND, the Youthful Secretary,
Clyde L. Downs

STEPHEN BABCOCK, Teacher of Mathematics,
Theodore A. Taferner

III

WILLIAM BELL WAIT, *Educator*

CHARACTERS

WILLIAM BELL WAIT (1872) . . . . . *Carl Rice*

STEPHEN BABCOCK . . . . *Theodore A. Taferner*

HANNAH BABCOCK . . . . *Miss Florence L. Phelan*

THEODORE THOMAS . . . . . *Bassett W. Hough*

FREDERICK FIELDING . . . . . *Robert J. Harvey*

A PUPIL . . . . . *Benzion Wax*

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WILLIAM BELL WAIT (1905) . . . . . *Carl Rice*

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BOYS OF TODAY, 1932

A Group of Boys in Akerly House
in Their Own Persons

Oliver Compton, Edwin Jepson, James Chicachee, Frank Smith, Howard Van Duyne, Max Helman, Raphael Macillaro, Fred Reeve, Howard Strickland, George Young

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ONWARD TO THE FUTURE

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A Teacher . . . . . *Miss Ina McMurray*
A Pupil . . . . . *Livia Scrobe*
A Voice . . . . . *Helen Nagy*

A REUNION OF

FORMER PUPILS

Thursday afternoon, March 17, 1932

at two-thirty o'clock

Program

SONG OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION . *Our Alma Mater*

ADDRESS: The World of Business

EDWARD L. MANN, 1885

ADDRESS: Anniversary Exercises in My Day

MRS. JANE BENNETT CARPENTER, 1896

ADDRESS: The Aims and Ideals of Our School

ROBERT J. HARVEY, 1898

ADDRESS: The Joyous Life

MISS THERESA WOOD, 1906

ADDRESS: Making One's Way in the World

AUGUSTINE F. MASSA, 1919

Followed by a repetition of the Program of Wednesday evening